

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 23, 2007 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. A one month petition for extension of time is included herewith.

Claims 1-22, and 24-27 are pending and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swift 6,265,046 B1.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 18, 22, 25, and 26. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1-22, and 24-27 as these claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Support for the amendment, for example, is in Figure 5 and pages 9-10 of the specification. Reference is made to Figure 5 illustrating embodiments of conductive contacts such as contact 18 including profiles internal to the substrate 12. Combinations of the profiles internal to the substrate 12 are envisioned. The contacts 18 may be cut or sculpted into a variety of shapes including flat, angular, convex, concave, stepped, irregular, or combination surfaces at the ends or exposed portions of selected contacts. Fibrillated fibers that are flexible may be formed on the contact at selected regions.

The claims advantageously provide, for example, improvements in contact surface internal to a substrate member as respectively claimed.

In summary, the provided limitations as claimed, as a whole, in the pending claims 1-22, 24-27 are believed patentable.

Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview in order to advance the application in the event that the Examiner does not provide a notice of allowance of the pending claims 1-22, 24-27.

CONCLUSION

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment, however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby authorized to call Andrew D. Ryan, at Telephone Number 585-422-8085, Rochester, New York.



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